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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: LPF POSITION ON U. S. PW ISSUE

REF: FBIS LONDON 161541 Z MAY 73

1. REFERENCE TRANSMITS TEXT OF AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN 15 MAY EDITION OF MOSCOW IZVESTIYA. THE ARTICLE, WHICH IS BASED ON AN INTERVIEW IN MOSCOW WITH LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER NOUHAH PHOUMSAVAN ( CONSIDERED NUMBER THREE IN THE LPF HIERARCHY), QUOTES NOUHAH AS STATING, " WE HAVE RELEASED ALL AMERICAN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TAKEN PRISONER ON LAOTIAN TERRITORY."

2. THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE WHERE LPF HAS STATED PUBLICLY WHAT THEY TOLD US PRIVATELY, DURING OUR RECENT CONTACTS, THAT IS, ALL AMERICANS CAPTURED IN LAOS HAVE BEEN RELEASED, THIS STATEMENT, COMING FROM AN LPF OFFICIAL OF NOUHAH'S STANDING, CLEARLY REPRESENTS LPF'S CURRENT OFFICIAL POSITION ON ISSUE OF WHETHER THERE ARE ANY US PW'S REMAINING IN CAPTIVITY IN LAOS.

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